

# Product type matters in continence care

## Introducing a new usability method

The results of a new study can guide the best choice of incontinence product types to facilitate the easiest product change<sup>1</sup>

### Products that are easier to use can benefit



CAREGIVERS



FACILITIES

### And has the potential to:

Save up to **13 weeks** of caregivers' time<sup>2</sup>

Allowing carers to refocus their time

Save up to **9 weeks** of back-bending for caregivers<sup>2</sup>

Reducing the physical burden on carers  
Reducing sick leave and temporary staff costs

Increase **caregiver satisfaction**

Improving the work environment  
Easy handling to improve satisfaction

### The usability method

The new usability method generates a single score for absorbing incontinence product types based on:



**Effectiveness**  
(product fit)



**Efficiency**  
(time and physical workload)



**Caregiver satisfaction**

**Belted** and **pants** product types have **significantly higher overall usability scores** compared to all-in-one and pad with fixation pant

These **efficiencies in care** can ultimately improve the users **care and quality of life**

**Higher overall usability score**

**Facilitating the easiest product change**

For more **information**, visit the website [journals.lww.com/jwocnonline](http://journals.lww.com/jwocnonline) or the Journal of Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing



Efficiencies in handling and changing users should allow caregivers to refocus their time to better meet a person's care need so as to improve quality of life in both individuals and caregivers



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<sup>1</sup>Rationale and Design of a Novel Method to Assess the Usability of Body Worn Absorbent Incontinence Care Products by Caregivers – Journal of Wound Ostomy & Continence Nursing in Vol 45, No.5, September/October 2018

<sup>2</sup>Reference case: 50 dependent residents using 3 products per day 365 days per year

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